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SUBJECT: US-IRAN WORKING GROUP ON HOUSING

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1. U.S. SIDE AWAITING RESPONSE FROM HOUSING VICE MINISTER SIMONIAN ON TWO ISSUES: FIRST, APPROPRIATE DATES FOR SECOND JWG MEETING IN TEHRAN FOLLOWED BY STUDY TOUR AND, SECOND, WHETHER INFORMATION WHICH IRANIANS AGREED TO SUPPLY FOLLOWING FIRST JWG MEETING IN WASHINGTON IS FORTHCOMING. TEHRAN 05402 DOES NOT ANSWER THESE PRESSING ISSUES.

2. EFFECTIVE U.S. PARTICIPATION IN JWG MEETING DEPENDENT UPON RECEIPT OF NECESSARY INFORMATION REQUESTED TO ENABLE U.S. TO MAKE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS ON TECHNICAL ADVISORY SERVICES, QUALIFIED U.S. FIRMS, AND NATURE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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FURTHER U.S. MATERIALS TO BE SENT TO IRAN. SPECIFIC U.S.

INFORMATION REQUESTS PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED IN FIRST JWG MEETING REPORT SENT TO SIMONIAN WITH LETTER BY U.S. JWG CHAIRMAN KEARNEY MAY 13, REPEATED AS FOLLOWS:

A. LIST OF BUILDING MATERIALS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IN IRAN;

B. PROJECTED AVAILABILITY IN IRAN (WITH TARGET DATES) OF

BUILDING MATERIALS CURRENTLY UNDER DEVELOPMENT;

C. LIST OF IRANIAN CONSTRUCTION FIRMS CERTIFIED BY THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND BUDGET AND PLAN ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING CAPABILITIES DESCRIPTIONS;

D. LIST OF U.S. FIRMS CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN JOINT VENTURES IN IRAN IN THE HOUSING AND BUILDING INDUSTRY;

E. U.S. FIRMS ON IRANIAN PREFERRED LIST FOR INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTIFICATION;

F. DETAILED DATA ON AGGREGATE HOUSING PRODUCTION OBJECTIVES BY TYPE AND SPONSORING ORGANIZATION;

G. DESCRIPTIVE DATA ON TEN PROJECTS DISCUSSED AT FIRST WORKING GROUP MEETING;

H. DESCRIPTIVE DATA ON TWENTY PREFABRICATED HOUSING FACTORIES ANTICIPATED WITH RELATIVE PRIORITIES;

I. DETAILED REQUIREMENTS ON TYPE AND FORM OF U.S. TECHNICAL ADVISORY SERVICES IN BUILDING SYSTEMS, PROJECT PLANNING, PROJECT MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES, AND PRICING AND FINANCING METHODS.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED FOLLOW UP WITH SIMONIAN ON STATUS OF ABOVE INFORMATION REQUEST AND APPROPRIATE DATES FOR SECOND JWG MEETING AND ADVISE SOONEST SO THAT NECESSARY PREPARATIONS MAY BEGIN. INGERSOLL

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